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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EINV, EGIN, UN, ECOSOC

SUBJECT: ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES

REFS: (A) STATE 11481; (B) JIDDA 320; (C) STATE 31275

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NOT YET HAD ANY REPLY TO REF (C) AND
PRIOR CABLES INVITING SAUDI PARTICIPATION ON ECOSOC
WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES NOR ANY EMBASSY COMMENTS
ON NEW SAUDI LEGISLATION AS REQUESTED REF (A).

2. REQUEST EMBASSY TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIALS
OF SAG TO ENCOURAGE SAUDI PARTICIPATION IN ECOSOC WORKING
GROUP. AS RESCHEDULED, THE GROUP WILL MEET FOR ONE WEEK
BEGINNING MARCH 6 AND FOR TWO WEEKS BEGINNING APRIL 3.
YOU SHOULD REMIND SAUDIS THAT USG, AND PRESIDENT CARTER,
ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO EARLY CONCLUSION OF EFFECTIVE INTER-
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NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS. SAUDI SUPPORT
WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD AND THE WORKING GROUP
COULD BENEFIT SUBSTANTIALLY FROM A SAUDI PRESENTATION ON
THEIR NEW LEGISLATION DEALING WITH AGENTS (REF B).

3. SHEIKH YAMANI WAS ACTIVE MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMISSION THAT DEVELOPED CODE OF

ETHICS FOR BUSINESS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS
RECENTLY ADOPTED BY ICC. THAT REPORT SPECIFICALLY
ENDORSES INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT BEING NEGOTIATED IN UN.
WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONTACT YAMANI TO SEE WHETHER HE
CAN BE HELPFUL IN ENCOURAGING SAG TO SEND AN EXPERT
DELEGATION TO NEW YORK AND TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN
WORKING GROUP IN SUPPORT OF U.S. INITIATIVE FOR AN
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